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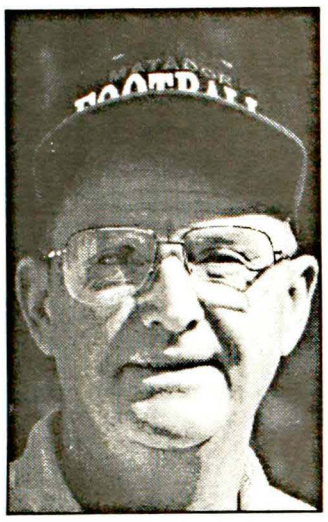
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Coach-turned-counselor turns to football again

by Greg Eichelberger



Dwight Morris

Returning to his coaching roots, Dwight Morris has come full circle to head the varsity football program at Mount Miguel High School, with high hopes of bringing the program some of the glory it's enjoyed in years past.

After earning a degree in Education (with majors in life and social sciences) from the University of Tulsa and Central State University in Oklahoma, he moved to El Cajon in 1965. He established an in-and-out relationship with the Grossmont School District, with 23 of his 34 years of teaching at Granite Hills High School alone. During that time, he has compiled an overall high school record of 52-19-1, and a league tally of 42-9-1.

In 1971, after seven years at Granite Hills, he became the head football coach at Mount Miguel, taking charge of a team that had gone through a drought, having an 0-14 two-year record before he arrived.

"We got the program on its feet," he said, "and in 1972 and '73, we won back-to-back league championships for the first time in the school's history."

The head coaching job then opened up at Granite Hills in 1974, and he jumped at the chance to help a team which had a 1-9 mark the previous season. He righted the ship somewhat (going 6-4 in '74), before claiming three consecutive league titles from 1975 - 77, going undefeated in regular season play, with 29 straight wins, which at that time, was a CIF record.

His 1975 team played in the 3A finals against Herb Meyer's Oceanside 11, but lost (like so many other schools that came up against the Meyer-led powerhouse teams).

"There was no disgrace in being beat by them." he admitted. "We had a great relationship, and played each other three times in terrific ball games."

Shying away from the "Miracle Worker" (a coach who comes in and fixes broken programs) label, Morris claims that, although proud of his successes, it was the entire compliment of assistants, teachers, and, above all, players, who made the difference.

"The first thing I do is get athletes on the field," he said, describing his philosophy of turning things around. "I tell the potential player to give me five days of his time, and if he doesn't like it, I let him walk away.

"I try to run a very positive program," he said. "If they mess up, they'll be reprimanded, that's football. But, on the other hand, they will also be praised when they do things right. There's a fine balance there, but it's important to me and my staff to realize that this (football) is a part of the kids' lives, but it's not their whole lives.

"For 95 percent of these kids, the last time they put on shoulder pads will be in high school, so I want these years to be memorable for them. And for those others, the super athletes, well, they'll probably make it despite, not because of me."

This precept also applies to his academic work. "One cannot succeed in school or sports without giving 100 percent effort," he intoned. "Many kids have to work harder than others, but the results of that work are something to be proud of throughout their entire careers, and lives for that matter."

He left Granite Hills in 1978, because his own son, Terry was entering the school, and he didn't want to burden him with "coach's son" syndrome. "Had he played any other position besides quarterback, I might have been able to work with him," he said. "But no matter what he did, it would look like I was giving him extra breaks, and every mistake he made would be magnified."

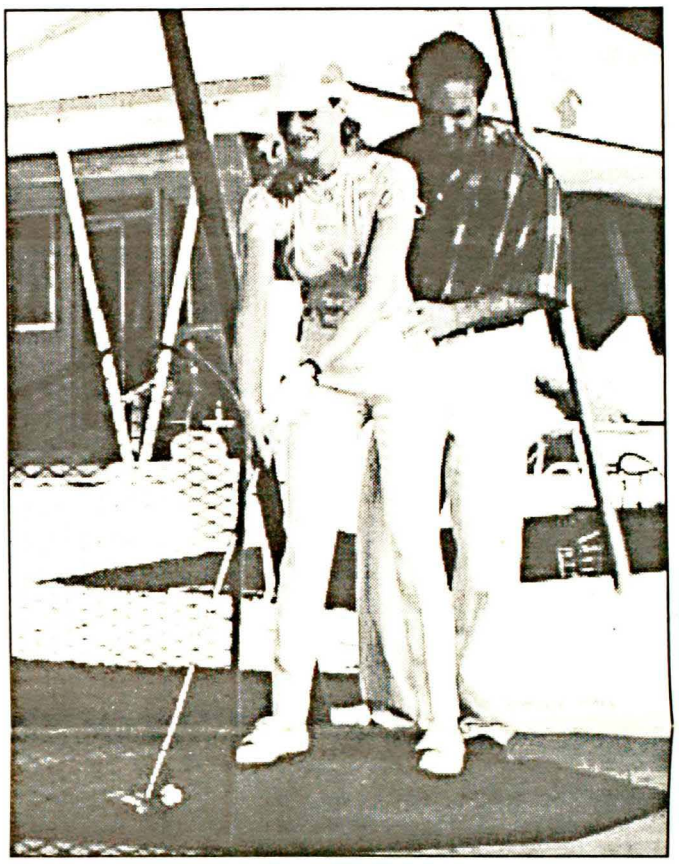
And although he hated leaving what he considered the best football program in the county, he felt that would be the best thing for him and his son. Ultimately, though, his

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Reel thoughts

'Tin Cup' and 'The Fan' a hit and a miss

by Betty Jo Tucker



Kevin Costner gives Renee Russo a few pointers on her stance in "Tin Cup."

American moviegoers love films about sports figures. We cheered Robert Redford as a mythic baseball player in "The Natural," and laughed uproariously at the comic golf antics of Bill Murray and Chevy Chase in "Caddyshack." Two new releases, Tri-Star's "The Fan" and Warner Brothers' "Tin Cup," attempt to continue this tradition.

In terms of entertainment value, "The Fan" is nothing but a series of foul balls, whereas "Tin Cup" happily makes a hole in one.

In "The Fan," Wesley Snipes plays a $40 million baseball star who becomes involved with a psychotic fan portrayed by Robert DeNiro. DeNiro, far too predictable in this Cape Fear-like role, kidnaps the baseball player's son, hoping to force him to care more about the game.

But nothing can force the audience to care at all about this unrelentingly dull film. There isn't one sympathetic character!

Worse still, it features the loudest, most inappropriate sound effects since last year's bomb, "Strange Days," starring Ralph Fiennes. In "The Fan," the mere snapping of a photograph sounds like a clap of thunder, and a bat hitting a ball makes as much noise as a cannon shot.

Although "The Fan" is not a comedy, some members of the screening audience chuckled during a ridiculous scene depicting a game being played in the most torrential downpour since Noah's Ark.

In contrast, "Tin Cup" charms us with its down-to-earth characters and creatively filmed golf scenes (made more realistic by the appearance of several professional golfers in cameo roles). Kevin Costner redeems himself after his lackluster work in "Waterworld" by delivering an endearingly quirky performance as Roy (Tin Cup) McAvoy.

When McAvoy, an irresponsible golf instructor at a dumpy little driving range, falls in love with Dr. Molly Griswold (Rene Russo, terrific as a less-than-perfect psychologist), he resolves to win the U.S. Open. As we watch McAvoy work on the "inner demons" that have kept him out of professional golf all these years, we can't help being drawn into his world and hoping he succeeds.

Supporting cast members Cheech Marin, as McAvoy's best friend and sometimes frustrated trainer, and Don Johnson as his rival in golf (as well as romance) do their best acting to date in this amusing romantic comedy. The "making up" between Costner and Marin (Marin asks "Am I special?") is worth the price of admission.

Much of the credit for this fine film goes to director Ron Shelton ("Bull Durham," "Cobb") who also co-wrote, with John Norville, the witty, humanistic script. Could we persuade everyone involved to consider a sequel?

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B Words

by Bob Burns

You must fight to be the best

The very articulate letter to the editor from Helen Ofield ["Odds are on the mob," Aug. 20 issue] has just forced me to again put in my two cents' worth. It was very accurate and the portent of what she said is just a little bit less than what the "Independence Day" movie said for our country. Our community is in dire peril. It is my real fear that present things that are going on in Lemon Grove are serious clouds over our future as "the best place on Earth." It is easy to be complacent and to rationalize that society has changed, and we can do nothing about the things that we see as detrimental to our way of life. "What the Hey, it's happening all over, so why fight it," right?

Well I say "wrong." We must continue to fight what we know as fact, those entities that would deny and disparage the rights that we hold dear in preserving the moral and ethical, and, yes, the non criminal facets of our residents and our children. Much talk, talk, talk is aired about the evil forces among us and how we revere the good versus the bad. Lip service is beautiful to hear, but I sometimes think that we should not be giving so much credit to Bandini for the way our plants and vegetation flourish in this state.

Helen is absolutely right about what always happens when gambling casts its spell on a community. Things go bad, they always have, and always will. Also the cornucopia of money that addicts the city fathers, also always diminishes and has a long term devastating effect on the populace and the financial structure of the town.

Even though there is supposedly a moratorium on card room licenses at the state level, we cannot hold our breath that it will continue. I see the push for the Little Darlings and its possible victory over the objections of our council, as as camel's nose in the tent.

If this is forced upon us, it will surely give hope to the local proponents of the card rooms to resume their efforts to get a foothold in Lemon Grove. There is *big* money and power behind the gambling and licentiousness, and it is incumbent upon us to be ever watchful and stand up to be counted when needed.

I do not know what a "knee jerk" reaction is exactly, but touching a hot stove or tasting a bitter drink will always cause an instant recoil and response. When a danger is so obvious and so certain, then it seems to me that the quicker the disassociation with it the better. As I have said before, this thrust of gambling and pornography into the side of our populace is by far the most serious threat to our community, ever. It has the potential of ruining, in my opinion, our very good way of life. We must fight it. We may not win, but to just roll over is to just make it all the worse. And, there is good reason to believe that we can win.

Since 1977, our councils have been frugal and have painstakingly accumulated a comfortable reserve fund, for that "rainy day" that might be upon us one day. Just as our families save for that possible extraordinary illness, lawsuit or vital need, the city has done the same. I believe that catastrophic is the word that accurately describes the virus that is incubating in the body "our town." We have spent millions over the past 20 years in making life better in Lemon Grove. With parks, recreation, senior facilities and public safety improvements. Now we are in dire need to fight off a "life threatening" disease, and it must be conquered at all costs, or we will surely die ...



The Moon has been more prominent in the southern sky and will be full again tomorrow.

Jupiter rises in the early evening, setting after midnight. It is the bright light in the southern sky, near the Teapot figure of Sagittarius. Look for a very bright "star" that does not twinkle (stars twinkle, planets do not).

Morning people can look for Saturn, a fairly bright white "star" that does not twinkle, in the south one hour before sunrise all month. Venus and Mars have returned to rise in the eastern pre-dawn sky. Venus will be the brilliant morning "star" for the rest of the year. Venus also has a partner this month, the red-orange planet Mars. Mars, below and "to the left" of Venus in the pre-dawn sky, will be dim compared with Venus.

Three actual "hot" stars dominate the summer evening sky. High overhead at midevening is Vega, fractionally dimmer than Arcturus and part of the "Summer Triangle." The triangle's eastern edge is flagged by Deneb, which marks the tail of Cygnus the Swan. Completing the triangle to the south is Altair in Aquila the Eagle. The trio appear white to the naked eye due to their high surface temperatures. The Summer Triangle appears just overhead at 11 p.m. in August and at 9 p.m. in September. The Summer Triangle is not a recognized constellation, but rather a "stellar association," much like the Big Dipper, which is itself only a part of the larger Ursa Major (Greater Bear) constellation.

August evenings harbor still other vistas, albeit subtler but nonetheless just as spectacular. The Big Dipper hovers in the northwestern sky, pointing to a relatively dim North Star. The Milky Way is especially prominent this August, a "cloudy" band clear across the sky.

Do you have some stargazing tidbits to add? Send it to NightWatch in care of this paper, Box 127, Lemon Grove, CA. 91946.

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1994 Population: **25,100**
Incorporated: **1977**
Area: **3.75 sq. mi.**
Median income: **$34,399**

Mayor: **Mary Teresa Sessom**
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Libraries:	1
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Parks	4
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 96-03638FHA-VA Loan No. 6235355 Title Order No. 7086810 Investor/Insurer No. 044-3063582731 APN No.: 475-460-30-15 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/11/91. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. **Notice** is hereby given that **CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation**, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Glen Alexander Jenson, a single man, and Douglas S. Allen, a single man, as Tenants in Common, dated 10/11/91 and recorded 10/22/91, as Instrument No. 1991-0544013, in Book --, Page --), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, State of California, **will sell** on 09/10/96 at 10:00 AM, at the South entrance to the County Courthouse, 220 West Broadway, San Diego, California at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8164-A Lemon Grove Way, Lemon Grove, CA 91945. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $114,844.29. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. **CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation**, 400 Countrywide Way, SV-88, Simi Valley, CA 93065. Phone (805) 520-5100 ext. 2686. Sale Information (916) 387-0236. By: Danette Mathias, Trustee's Sale Officer. Dated 08/18/96. ASAP#217929 8/20, 8/27, 9/3

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Coach

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decision led him to Grossmont Community College, where head man Jack Monamota hired him as his defensive secondary coach.

Through 13 years at the school, he served as offensive and defensive coordinator, and offensive line coach. "It was a great expe-rience." he said. "And though Terry did come to Grossmont eventually, it was a different situation because I wasn't the head coach and didn't have to make the call whether he played or not."

In 1988, while still with the college, he began counseling in the district, but missed too many practices and had to resign his football position. "I told head coach Jim Symington that I couldn't serve two masters, and it wouldn't be fair to the team, so I stepped down and counseled for about six years," he said. "And then this job at Mount Miguel became available, so I decided to come back."

The school's principal, Russ Boehmke, who, ironically, was hired by Morris in 1971 when he first came to the Matadors, was fully behind his old friend's return, although Morris himself initiated it.

"I loved counseling," he said, "but I missed that special athletic relationship with the kids, as well as being in the classroom. I was fortunate that I could also get a teaching position (geography) here on campus in addition to my football activities.

"As far as coaching is concerned, the high school level is what I really enjoy. Even though the community college offers a tremendous challenge and a wide variety of experiences, I like seeing my kids all year around and can not only assist them on the field, but also help them academically."

Playing in the Grossmont's "Big School" South Conference against Granite Hills, Helix, Monte Vista and Valhalla, Morris feels that with a little work, this squad can make waves in already tough division.

"I'm optimistic about the upcoming season," he said. "Some of our kids in the skilled positions, speedwise, are tremendous. If we can fill in couple of critical positions, I like to think we'll have the potential to challenge the big boys, like Granite Hills and Helix, which always have good programs and, of course, the CIF champion Monte Vista Monarchs."

He plans on executing a balanced attack, running to set up the pass and using a split-back offense, relying on big, fast lineman to open holes in the opponent's defensive line. He also hopes to be successful at throwing the ball on first down, which he feels is an extension of the running game, and can break games open.

"Our offensive and defensive lines are going to be the number one priority for us," he said. "No matter how good are skilled people (quarterback, running backs, wide receivers, line backers and corner backs) are, we're only as good as what gets us time up front, on both sides of the ball. A guy can be the greatest running back in the world, but if he can't get through the line of scrimmage, it doesn't matter. So we have a lot of work to do in that respect."

His current staff consists of Judd Hulbert (defensive coordinator), John Odom (offensive line), Ian Comis (defensive line and head junior varsity coach), Kent Paine (defensive secondary), Lloyd "The Train" Edwards, a former Aztec and Oakland Raider (running back coach), Dan Leaf (wide receiver coach and J.V. offensive coordinator), Tim Fletcher (weight trainer), and Karl Danielson (head freshman and varsity tight end coach).

"All of my assistants have provided me with invaluable service since I've come back to this school, and I'm sure will continue to do so," he said. "They were here already, so I'm learning everything about the program from them, although I will be inserting some of my own personality and ideas into it.

"I'd love to see these kids and my staff have the experience of a winning season, or even make it to the play-offs," he said. "I think if everything comes together like I hope it will, that possibility will become a reality."

Morris attributes much of his coaching success to his wife, JoAllyn, the principal's secretary at Mount Miguel. She has supported him through almost 30 years of marriage, over the ups and downs of his profession and throughout various coaching and teaching positions.

His sons have also followed in his athletic footsteps. Terry, the oldest, was a star, all-league quarterback at Granite Hills High, and then Grossmont College where, in 1984, he was the nation's leading passer in junior college football. He went on to the University of Miami of Ohio, where he won 17 out of 21 starts and quarterbacked the Sport's Illustrated "Upset Of The Year" with a victory over then number five, L.S.U. in Baton Rouge (quite an achievement considering Boston College's huge upset of the Miami Hurricane's thanks to QB Doug Flutie, which also took place that year).

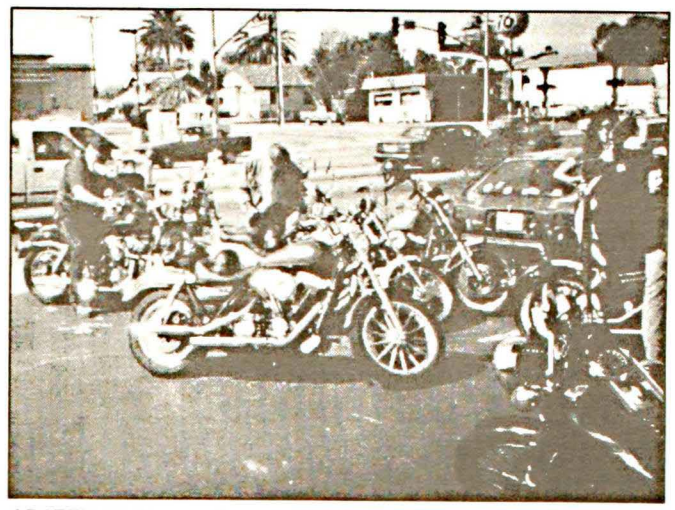
Terry then had a brief stint with the Dallas Cowboys and played in England, where he was named Player of the Year. He now teaches at Granite Hills and coaches at Grossmont.

Morris' other son, Brian, is a superior athlete in his own right, a tennis player who was all-conference at Granite Hills, he also attended Miami of Ohio. Today, he holds a masters degree in English and teaches at Southwestern College in Chula Vista. "I am very proud of both boys." he beamed. "And, of course, while I've always loved football and teaching, my number one focus is my relationship with my family."

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Bikers bring 'poker run' to town

by Joe Naiman



ABATE's summer poker run got its jump start at Vic's Pride and Power on Broadway. *Photo by Joe Naiman*

Lemon Grove residents may have noted an increase in motorcycle traffic last week as the ABATE organization of San Diego (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education) sponsored its summer poker run in East County.

ABATE lobbies on behalf of motorcyclist rights. The poker run consists of a sign-in point, an ending point, and three stops in between. At each of the five points, each participant draws a card. At the end there is a party complete with prizes for the high hand and low hand.

The Aug. 18 poker run started at Vic's Pride and Power and ended at the Pelikan Pub two blocks away. In the four hours between the two Lemon Grove points, the 38 motorcyclists rode along highways 8, 79, 78, and 67.

"It's usually a nice ride that's picked out through pretty country," said Nancy Nemecek, the secretary of the local ABATE chapter and the chair of the state organization's board of directors.

The ABATE poker run covered about 100 miles, stopping at the Flinn Springs Inn, the Cuyamaca Lakeland Resort and Cheers Bar in Ramona, before ending at the Pelikan Pub. The prizes at ABATE's summer poker run were $200 for the high hand and $100 for the low hand.

Because ABATE is a political group, the motorcyclists didn't necessarily ride Harley-Davidsons. Assistant PAC representative Fran Del Santo bought her Honda in Lemon Grove.

"We're doing it with unity," said Del Santo of the poker run. "We're brothers and sisters going on a run to support each other. The money goes to education, politicians who support bikers rights, and fun in the sun."

Vic's was selected to start the poker run by local runs and events coordinator Carol Ghio. ABATE literature is distributed at the Lemon Grove shop.

"We generally support motorcycle shops that support us," noted Del Santo.

ABATE of San Diego generally has two or three poker runs a year.

Lady baseball buff wields gavel

by Joe Naiman

This summer, East County's Anna Newton became the first woman to chair a meeting of the Ted Williams chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR).

The SABR was founded in Cooperstown in 1971 by 16 men. Two women have since served on SABR's national board. Newton's knowledge and passion for baseball have brought her from mere member to leader in her seven years in SABR.

"There was no obstacle to me being in this chapter of SABR," said Newton, the only female member of the steering committee. "Once it was clear that I knew a little about baseball and cared about it, I was accepted. It had nothing to do with my gender."

Technically Newton was not the San Diego region's first female member; former chapter president Phil Lowry once had his wife and small son in the group. Newton has been much more active in the chapter.

She first became a baseball fan at the age of eight, when she was recovering from surgery. While recuperating, she was listening to the 1955 World Series on the radio.

Newton noted that her interested in baseball also gave her a subject about which she could talk to her father.

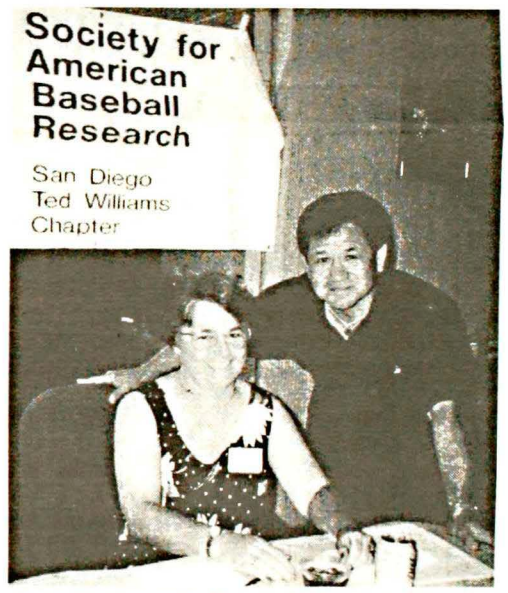
Newton's family moved to California in 1958, the same year the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles. Three years later, Los Angeles gained another Major League baseball team when the American League granted an expansion franchise to the Los Angeles Angels. It was the 1961 season when Newton saw her first baseball game in person.

"It was everything I dreamt it would be," she said. "I didn't see a game on TV until I was 12 or 13. It was all radio, and it was just imagination. I absolutely adored it."

Today, specialized cable channels allow her to watch 150 to 200 games a year, in addition to attending about half a dozen games in person each year.

She moved to San Diego in 1964 to attend California Western University (now United States International University). She listened to the games of the Pacific Coast League Padres and read the sports page faithfully. Newton didn't consider herself a Padres fan until 1975.

She obtained a B.A. in Psychology from California Western University, an M.S. in Counseling from San Diego State University and an Ed.D. in Education from USD. She is currently on a grant as a career counselor at at San Diego State.



Anna Newton gets the straight scoop from Giants third base coach, Wendell Kim.

Photo by Joe Naiman

Newton herself didn't play the national pastime."I played so poorly that they made me an umpire almost immediately," she said.

She umpired in Garden Grove while in high school. In September 1991, Newton attended her first regional meeting of SABR, which featured former Pacific Coast League Padre and Cleveland Indian third baseman Rudy Regalado. She also agreed to join the chapter's steering committee and a month later, took over as secretary-treasurer.

San Diego hosted the 1993 SABR national convention, and Newton chaired the finance committee. She was constantly forced to remind the males on the steering committee that the booths were to be "staffed" instead of "manned," but she earned rave reviews from both the local steering committee and the national organization.

In 1995, one member of SABR even cast a write-in vote for Newton to be the group's national president. National nominating committee member Andy McCue has asked Newton to run for the national board, and local steering committee member and former Padres pitcher John Curtis offered to be her campaign manager. Although her employment schedule currently would make national board service infeasible, Newton expresses an interest in being on the national board.

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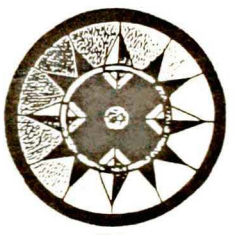
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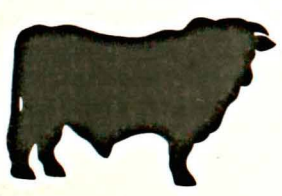
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